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1. NEURUPPIN (249), as of 13-16 February 1950, was occupied by a tank division whose tank regiments were stationed in the Panzer Kaserne. Total strength was 10,000-11,000 men. A majority of dependents left NEURUPPIN about Christmas 1949 and since then very young EM and young unmarried officers have arrived.
2. Friedrich-Franz Kaserne, on Karl Liebknecht Strasse, contains the headquarters staff for NEURUPPIN. According to a German employee, the division is led by Colonel WINTSCHENKO, who lives at Stresemannstrasse 41 and uses a large Horch [redacted] An unidentified staff colonel resides on the same street at number 40 [redacted]
3. Panzer Kaserne, situated between ALT- and NEURUPPIN, consists of thirteen billets occupied by about 7,000 tank troops, very few of whom are recruits. Total tanks observed here were two JS-3, fifteen JS-1, and fifty-seven T34/85's; of these, three JS-1 and twelve T34/85's were seen in the compound, the others left the barracks each day and drove to the training area in the direction of RHEINBERG. Also in the yard were three U.S. armored scout cars and two T-34's, the latter rebuilt as ammunition tanks. A barracks worker [redacted] that Panzer Kaserne possessed about 200 tanks of various types.
4. Königstor Kaserne, on Fehrbellinerstrasse in southern NEURUPPIN, was held by at least 1,800 troops wearing black straps/red piping, with about half the NCO's and EM boasting artillery insignia. Observed in the yard were nine 76.2 mm and nine 57 mm AT guns, and three rocket launchers attached to Studebakers (launcher calibers not reported).

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6. Source estimates that Königstor Kaserne is held by two AT battalions, one motorized rifle unit, one medium mortar battalion, and one rocket launcher battalion.
7. See Kaserne, on Karl Liebknecht Strasse, consists of three 3-story buildings occupied by approximately 1,300 men, whose officers and NCO's wear artillery insignia. Of the estimated total strength, about 700 are 17-18-year-old EM; older men belong to an SU battalion. Troops trained daily at a railroad crossing south of NEURUPPIN.

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9. Flugplatz Kaserne is occupied by about 800 men wearing black straps/red piping and led by artillery officers. Poor visibility prevented exact identification of training pieces, but some appeared to be 76.2 mm (M39). Only two liaison aircraft were on the field proper, but work was in progress towards leveling off the runway.



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